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TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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FROM: AMMAN 0024

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TO : WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM.

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FOR SCOWCROFT FROM SECRETARY

FOLLOWING UP ON EARLIER MESSAGE, PLEASE CONVEY
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS TEL TO DOBRYNIN
AS WELL. ON THE QUESTION OF THE US-USSR LETTER TO SYG,
SYRIAN ATTITUDE IS THAT IT WILL AGREE TO WHATEVER FORM IS
AGREEABLE TO EGYPTIANS. EGYPTIANS HAVE APPROVED TWO SHORT
CONTINGENCY LETTERS AND WE EXPECT ALSO ITS APPROVAL OF THE
LTG DRAFT WITH THE ONE CHANGE IN THE SENTENCE RELATING TO
PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION (SEE PREVIOUS TEL. TELL DOBRYNIN
THAT ONLY IF ALL ELSE FAILS, WILL I MOVE TO SHORTER LETTER.

BUT WHAT WE WANT DOBRYNIN TO UNDERSTAND IN PARTICULAR
IS THAT SYRIAN WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE IS NOT
SETTLED AND THAT WE HAVE NEVER BEEN TOLD BY SOVIETS THAT
SYRIANS WANT TO HAVE SOME PRIOR UNDERSTANDING ON DISENGAGEMENT
BEFORE THEY GO TO THE CONFERENCE. AS PREVIOUS TEL INDICATES,
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE BEFORE THE CONFERENCE BUT WE WOULD HOPE
THAT A SATISFACTORY SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT
COULD BE ACHIEVED BY THE END OF JANUARY.

ON-FILE NSC
RELEASE
INSTRUCTIONS
APPLY

WHAT WE WANT SOVIETS TO DO IS TO WEIGH IN HEAVILY WITH
THE SYRIANS WITH A VIEW TO GETTING THEM TO RESPOND FAVORABLY
WHEN SYG INVITATION IS SENT TO THEM INVITING THEM TO
PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE.

PLEASE ALSO REMIND DOBRYNIN OF BREZHNEV'S PROMISE TO
PRESS THE SYRIANS ON THE PRISONER EXCHANGE. WE WILL FIND
IT VERY DIFFICULT IF THERE IS NOT SOME MOVEMENT ON THIS
ISSUE. AT A MINIMUM THE SYRIANS MUST BE WILLING TO
EXCHANGE LISTS, ALLOW RED CROSS VISITS, AND BE WILLING TO
EXCHANGE WOUNDED ONCE CONFERENCE BEGINS.

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